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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT, ASSOCIATED METALS AND MINERALS

VS JUGOMETAL

REF: BELGRADE 6034

- 1. AS A RESULT OF EARLIER EMBASSY EFFORT, WE (EUR/EE) UNDERSTAND THAT ASSOCIATED METALS HAD A MEETING IN MILAN ON DECEMBER 4 WITH JUGOMETAL'S EXPORT MANAGER, MARKOVIC, AND JUGOMETAL'S ITALIAN SUBSIDIARY, FERROCHIMETAL. MARKOVIC POSITION APPARENTLY WAS THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY CONTRACT THAT DID NOT CALL FOR PIG IRON DELIVERIES AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES. MEETING ENDED WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON NEXT STEP.
- 2. SHULMAN OF CADWALLADER, WICKERSHAM AND TAFT CALLED US JANUARY 7 TO REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SUGGEST TO JUGOMETAL EITHER A MEETING IN US WITHIN 30 DAYS OR, FAILING THAT, A MEETING IN BELGRADE DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17 OR FEBRUARY 24. MEETING IN US IS PREFERRED. ON US SIDE, PRESIDENT FRANZ LISSAUER OF ASSOCIATED METALS AND SHULMAN WOULD TAKE PART. SHULMAN BELIEVES CEPERKOVIC AND/OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KOVACIC (WHO NEGOTIATED PREVIOUS CONTRACT) WOULD HAVE TO

REPRESENT JUGOMETAL IN ORDER TO SETTLE PROBLEM.

- 3. SHULMAN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR PREVIOUS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE (REFTEL) WHICH RESULTED IN MILAN MEETING. HE STRESSED THAT INJECTION OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY INTO THIS MATTER HAD BEEN HELPFUL BUT NOTHING FURTHER WOULD HAPPEN UNLESS EMBASSY GAVE ANOTHER PUSH.
- 4. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE AND JUGOMETAL'S REACTION TO REQUEST FOR MEETING. KISSINGER

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